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1. Troops at aiming practice with six AT guns of about 100 mm caliber were seen at the drill ground of the Doeberitz (N 53/Z 65) Panzer Kaserne on 28 February 1950. Each gun was manned by one officer and six EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets. After the aiming practice, the gun crews mounted a carbine with inserted subcaliber tube on the gun barrels and fired at targets 15 to 20 meters distant from the guns. Each soldier fired three rounds. The firing practice over, the EM pulled the guns to the Flak Kaserne while the officers walked to Olympisches Dorf.
2. Eight M45/85 tanks left the Panzer Kaserne of Achrbek, NW perimeter of Altes Lager, on 28 February 1950. They drove toward Lusternau at a speed of 40 to 50 km and turned off toward the troop training grounds near the Loewen Kaserne. The tanks were observed to return at about 4 p.m.
3. About 250 troops **held rifle and light machine gun record practice at the target ranges about 500 meters east of the Loewen Kaserne on 2 March 1950.** The troops wore red-bordered black epaulets; many of them had closely cropped hair.
4. An artillery firing practice observed on 9 March 1950 took the following course:
 - a. Twelve trucks towing howitzers allegedly of more than 150 mm caliber approached along Heerstrasse from the direction of Altes Lager and proceeded to the woods and the broom thicket (see Annex). Truck 3-20-16 was identified. Two trucks were loaded with 8 to 10 ammunition boxes about 100 x 70 x 60 cm in size. The trucks went into cover in a broom thicket and were camouflaged with brushwood.
 - b. The guns were emplaced and camouflaged with nets and brushwood. About 1-meter-high mounds of protective earth were erected in front of each gun emplacement and covered with sods. Each gun was manned by one NCO and six EM. All troops involved in the exercise wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The exercise was supervised by six officers.

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c. Firing started at 10:15 a.m. Each gun fired two rounds at intervals of about 20 minutes. They fired south across the Alt Doeberitz-Secour road. Firing ceased at about 1 p.m. Two officers on a motorcycle arrived about 15 minutes later from a southerly direction and stopped near the placements. After a critique the unit returned toward Alt's Lager about 3:30 p.m.

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The observed aiming and firing practices were held by component units of the 1st Rec Bn. in accordance of the winter training in the environs of the military post.

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It appears that individual training has been completed and that training at unit level is being conducted until the units departure for troop training grounds.

1 Annex:

Soviet Artillery Firing Practice at the Doeberitz Troop Training Grounds

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